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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 29 May 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White,
Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Dr. Kent, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Reported on the meeting held by the President to discuss radio reciprocity rights with foreign nations and stated in sum that it came out a draw. He said that the main point in opposition to this proposal was Gen. Persons' opinion that it would raise a storm on the hill at this time and the fact that Attorney General Brownell shared this opinion. It was the President's view, however, that the intelligence issue was the prevailing factor and if necessary he would go to the mat with Congress. The Director commented that J. Edgar Hoover had made his opposition abundantly clear as was expected. Gordon Gray had suggested that the matter be referred back to ODM's Technical Communications Board but the President had indicated he did not wish this Board to decide on an essentially intelligence problem. It was the Director's understanding that the matter was left for further consideration by State, FBI and CIA and in any event there was not much hope for obtaining approval during the present session of Congress.

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b) Noted a UP news ticker which indicated that Chairman Clement J. Zablocki and his House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee will investigate fully whether the U. S. Intelligence Agencies were negligent in failing to warn of the anti-American riots on Formosa and commented he had spoken to the Secretary of State about this. The Director also asked DD/I, DD/P and Dr. Kent to get together for him any estimates, papers or raw intelligence reports which indicated in any way, shape or form anti-American feeling on Formosa.

Mr. Amory:

Reported he had a meeting with representatives of State on the Scientific Attache Program and commented that not much progress had been made. He said the National Science Foundation is still bitterly against the present proposed program and that State does not have any grades higher than 16 to make available in recruiting scientists to fill such posts as might be authorized. The Director agreed with DD/I that the grades should be higher and asked Mr. Amory and Col. White to see what could be done to help out.


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